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1. CONTRACT FOR BLACK SEA OIL EXPLORATION HAS NOT YET BEEN AWARDED, ACCORDING TO OFFICIALS OF ROMANIAN MINISTRY OF MINES, PETROLEUM AND GEOLOGY. MINISTER ALMASAN TOLD AMBASSADOR FEBRUARY 26 SEISMIC STUDIES EMPLOYING US DATA-ANALYSIS EQUIPMENT HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND LEAVE HIM OPTIMISTIC, WHEREAS INITIAL STUDY, USING LESS SOPHISTICATED EQUIPMENT, HAD YIELDED LESS FAVORABLE SIGNS. FINAL DECISION ON CONTRACT YET TO BE MADE, ACCORDING TO ALMASAN, AND AT LEAST TWO AMERICAN COMPANIES, ONE OF WHICH HE IDENTIFIED AS GULF, ARE AMONG STRONGEST CONTENDERS.

2. BLACK SEA PROJECT MANAGER MIHAI LEU TOLD EMBOFF MARCH 6 THAT SIX US OIL COMPANIES STILL IN RUNNING: GULF, CITIES SERVICE, MARATHON, CONOCO, MOBIL (IN JOINT ARRANGEMENT WITH BRITISH PETROLEUM), AND A NEWCOMER TO SCENE, BUTTES GAS AND OIL CO. OF OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA. EMBOFF HAS APPOINTMENT WITH LEU NEXT

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